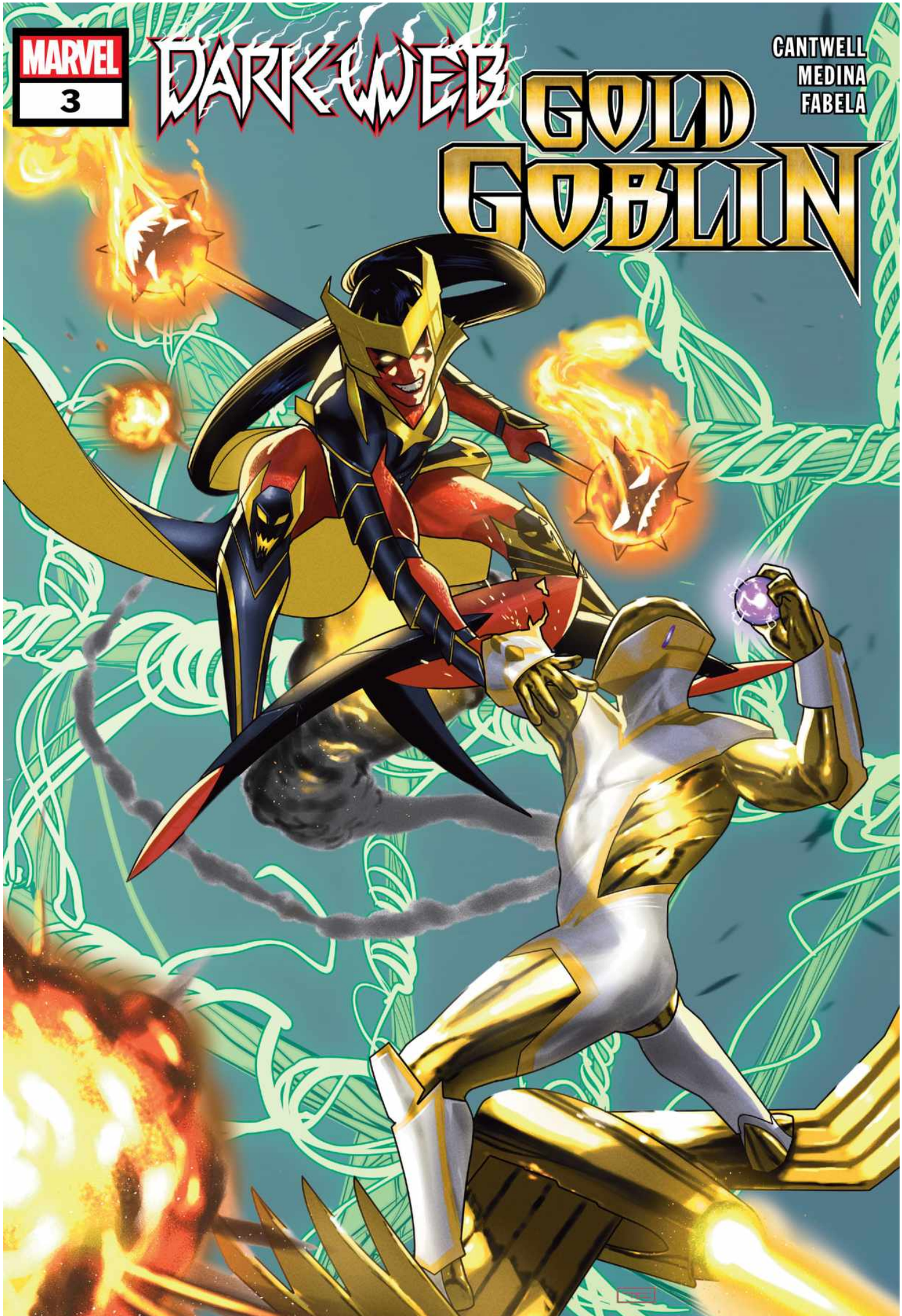
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DARK WEB
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NORMAN OSBORN has been many things in his life. Businessman, politician, father and grandfather, and most notably: **SUPER VILLAIN**. As **GREEN GOBLIN**, Norman committed unspeakable atrocities at every turn. That was all taken away when the vigilante Sin-Eater took away Norman's sins and left him a cleansed man. To make up for his past wrongs, Norman is giving the other side of super-heroics a go as...

GOLD GOBLIN
DARK WEB

Hell has been brought to New York City and now Norman is dealing with a double dose of demons--those manifested by his guilt and the literal ones from Limbo. To make matters worse, Norman's sins are back to haunt him in the flesh as **QUEEN GOBLIN** has come to punish him personally. Psychiatrist **ASHLEY KAFKA** was merged with Norman's sins to become the goblin monarch and has been pulling all kinds of strings to mess with Norman's mind. Can Osborn possibly hold this new life together?

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I WONDER IF WE'RE JUST A NET GAIN OR A NET LOSS IN THE END. DID I DO MORE GOOD THINGS OR MORE BAD THINGS? THAT'S THE MATH OF A LIFE.
AND FOR ME, IT'S EASY ARITHMETIC.
I GET THAT... BUT...NORMAN, I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT BEING COMPLETELY HONEST WITH ME HERE. OR YOURSELF.
I'M TRYING, DOC. I AM...
I HAVE TO SAY...I WONDER IF WE'RE TRULY GETTING ANYWHERE WITH ALL THIS.
IN ORDER FOR THIS PROCESS TO WORK, YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME.
I KNOW. I DO.
GOOD.
NOW HOLD STILL.
WHAT ARE YOU--?
RELAX.

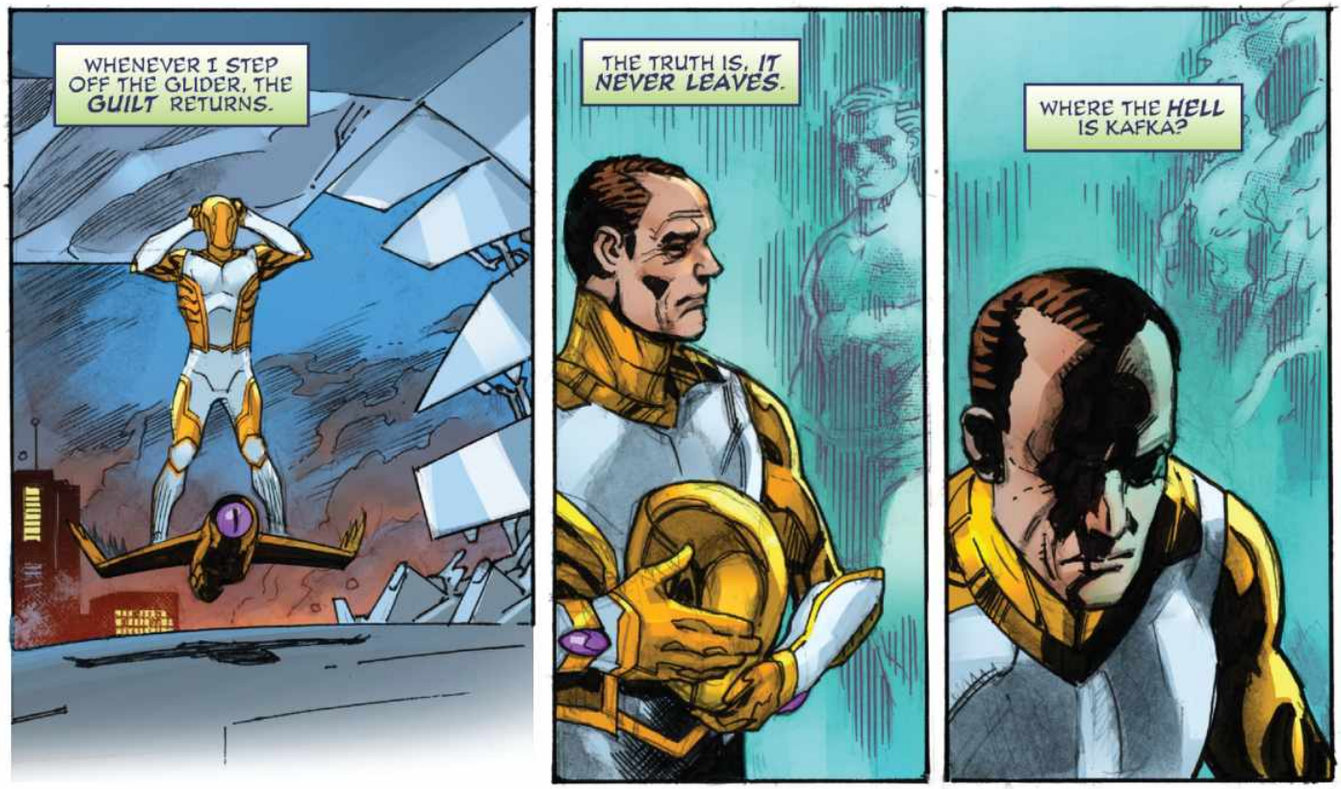
I THINK IT'S TIME WE REALLY GOT *UNDER THE HOOD* TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. DON'T YOU THINK?
NYAAAAAAAAGGH!
SKRRRRRRRRRTCH
THERE.
THAT'S BETTER.

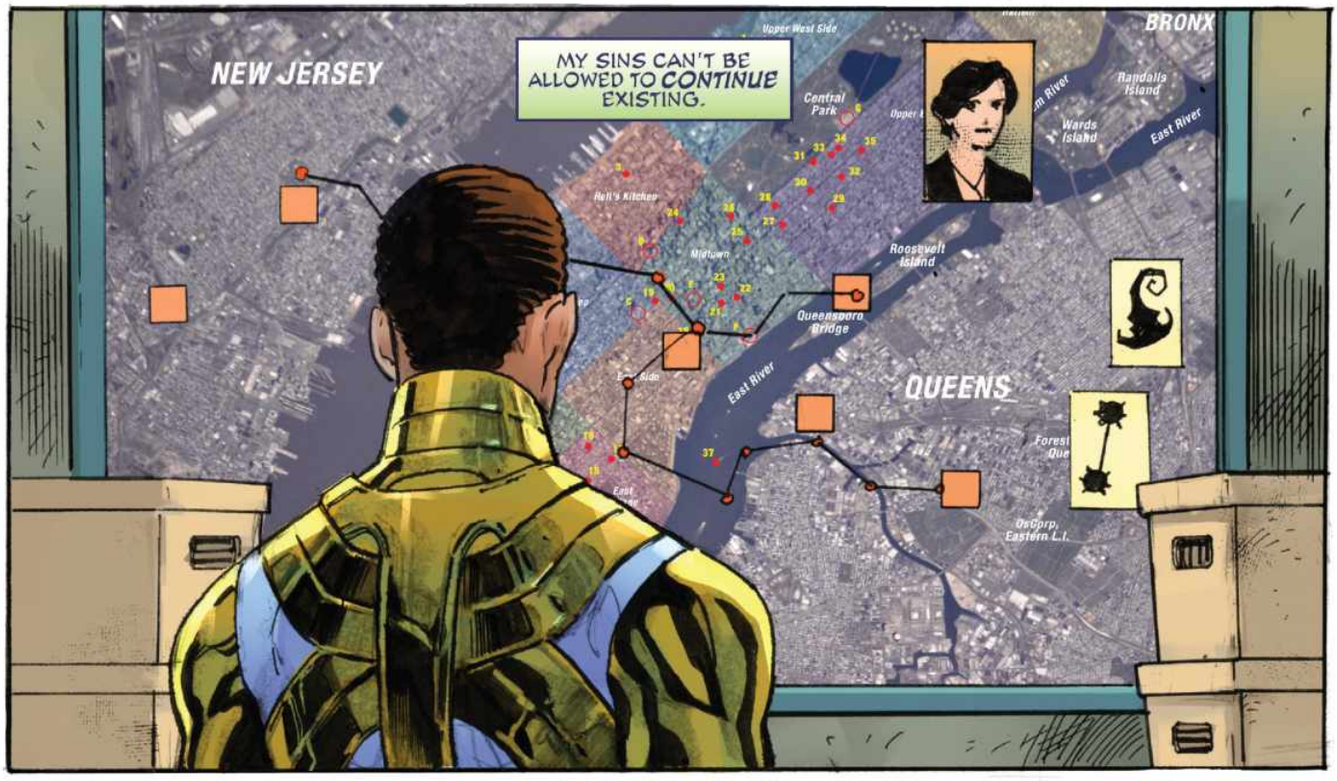
GYAAAAAAAAA!
SLEEP'S BEEN ROUGH SINCE THE SIN-EATER...AFTER MY ENCOUNTER WITH QUEEN GOBLIN...EVEN WITH LIMBO RAGING...I HAD TO TRY TO GET TEN MINUTES OF SLEEP. BUT ENOUGH REST...
SIN-EATER "GIFTED" ME WITH A SUDDEN CONSCIENCE WHEN HE CLEANSED ME OF ALL MY EVIL DEEDS.*
*BACK IN ASM #851. --ALL-KNOWING AL
NO MORE SINS, BUT THE MEMORIES REMAIN. ALONG WITH THE NEW AND EXCRUCIATING SENSATION OF GUILT.
I SOUGHT THE HELP OF MY OLD COLLEAGUE DOCTOR ASHLEY KAFKA, THINKING SHE COULD HELP ME VOID THE MEMORIES OF EVERY TERRIBLE THING I'VE DONE, ALL OF THEM CONSTANTLY REPLAYING IN MY HEAD.**
**LOTS HAPPENED LAST ISH! --ALL GOTTA FIT AL
TIK
SHAK-KGNK
KG-NK
THE CRUEL IRONY THERE IS THAT SHE'S NOW

SZNK
ALL THOSE SINS OF MINE? THE BEYOND CORPORATION GAVE THEM TO ASHLEY. TALK ABOUT A REAL COOKIE BOUQUET OF E#$%.
KNK
SHE IS NOW PURE, UNMITIGATED CORRUPTION. MIND, BODY, AND SOUL.
T-CHNK
SHE WANTS TO GIVE ME MY SINS BACK. I THINK THEY'RE SLOWLY KILLING HER.
BUT I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA.
LETTING HER DIE. BECAUSE IF SHE DIES, I'VE REASON TO BELIEVE...
...MY SINS DIE WITH HER. AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THE SCIENCE I'VE RECOVERED FROM BEYOND TELLS ME.
ONE HITCH: I CAN'T FIND HER.
THIS LIMBO CRISIS CERTAINLY DOESN'T HELP MATTERS.

AN HOUR AGO, SHE NEARLY KILLED ME. NOW...NOTHING. SHE'S NOWHERE. HIDING IN THE CHAOS OF THE CITY, EVERY DAMNED OBJECT NOW POSSESSED BY DEMONS AND WHO-KNOWS-WHAT-ELSE...
PART OF ME WORRIES THAT I HALLUCINATED HER. SOMETIMES, I WORRY THAT I HALLUCINATED HER. MORE GUILT MANIFESTING TO TORMENT ME.
IN THE MEANTIME, I CONTINUE TO TRY MY HAND AT SOMETHING NEW.
IT'S INTERESTING WORK.
IT MIGHT EVEN BE LESS STRESSFUL THAN OSCORP THESE DAYS.
MISTER BINKY LIT THE HOUSE ON FIRE AND SAID WE ALL HAVE TO BE ASHES NOW!
KRRSSSHHHHH
THEN MISTER BINKY AND HIS PALS NEED TO BACK OFF...
ESPECIALLY SINCE BEN REILLY DECIDED IT'D BE FUN TO PRETEND TO BE PETER AGAIN.

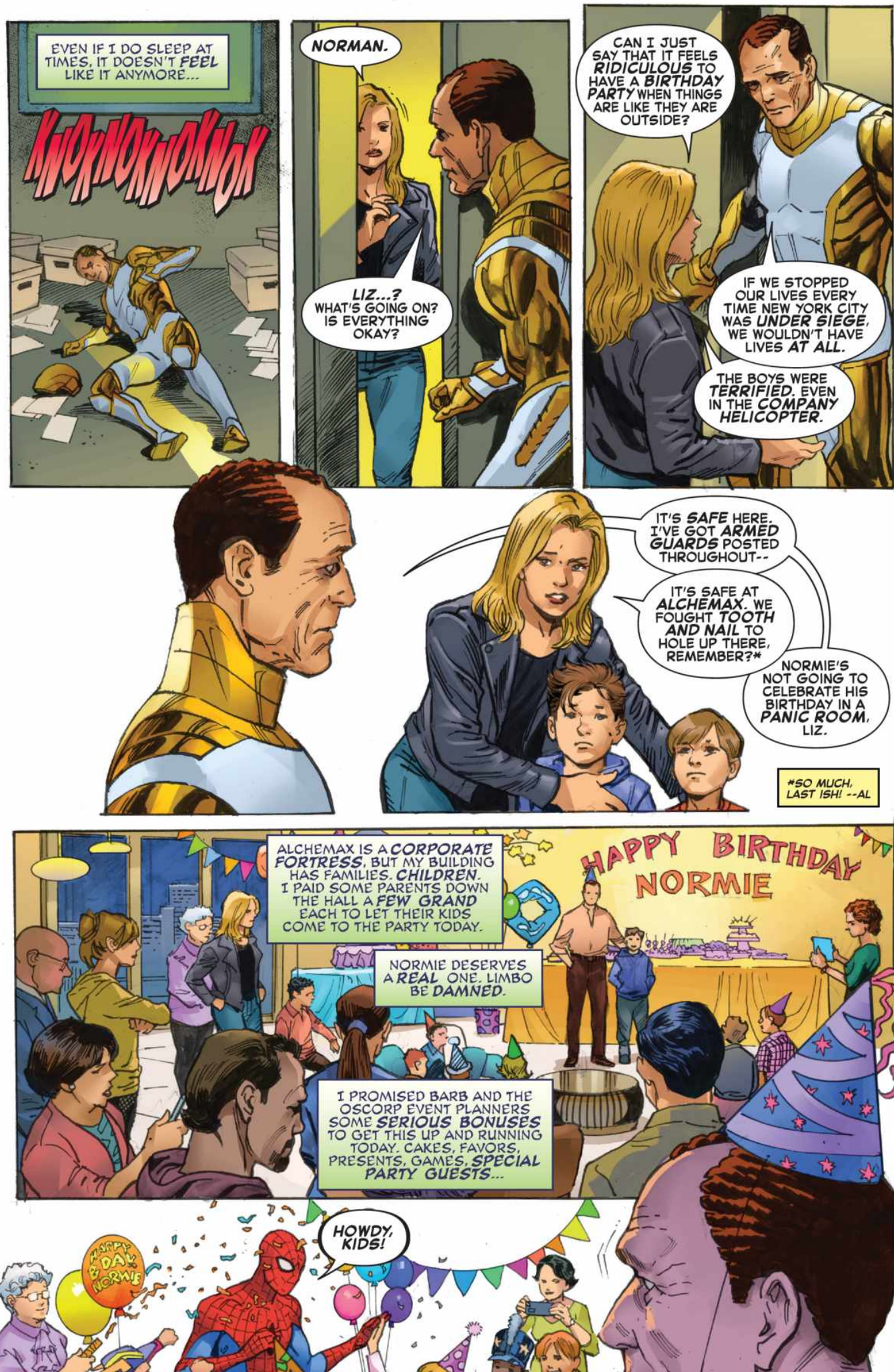
GRU-TAUSSCHH
DON'T WORRY, KIDS, I'M 24 KARATS. MY MELTING POINT IS 1,948 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.
SFFFFF
AND MISTER BINKY'S IS MUCH LOWER...
NYAAGGGGH!
BEN HAS RUN ROUGHSHOD ALL OVER MY BUSINESS, MY LIFE, AND NOW--NEW YORK CITY.
ANYONE WITH PARKER DNA JUST LOVES MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME.
KAK-KOOWWWWM
OH, THANK GOD!
MY PEOPLE WILL REACH OUT TO HELP WITH THE INSURANCE CLAIM. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN RED TAPE--
WHEN STUFFED ANIMALS START TALKING, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE SUDDENLY YOUR FRIENDS--
HEY!
YELLING DOESN'T WORK. TRUST ME.


WHENEVER I STEP OFF THE GLIDER, THE GUILT RETURNS.
THE TRUTH IS, IT NEVER LEAVES.
WHERE THE HELL IS KAFKA?

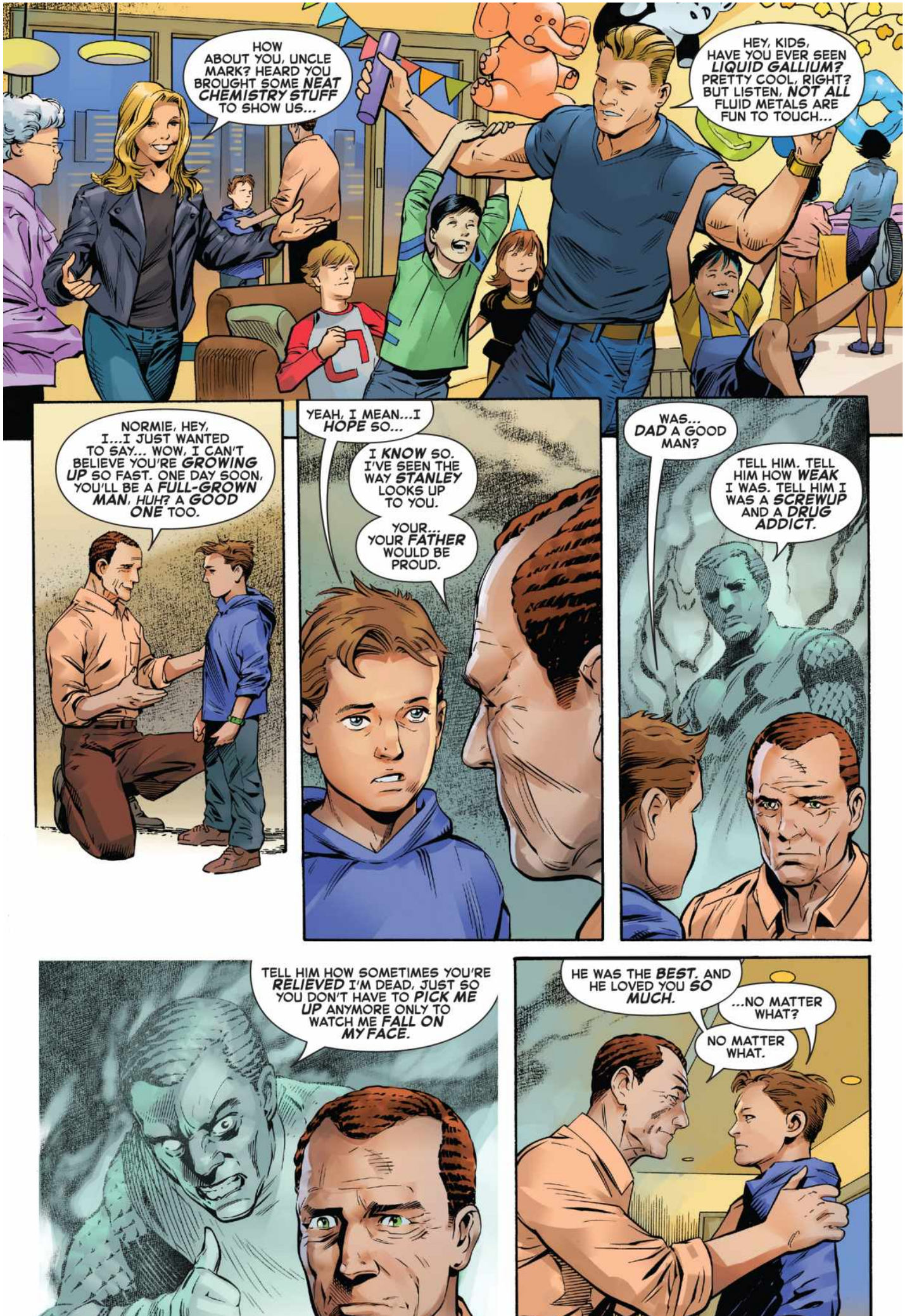

MY SINS CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE EXISTING.
NEW JERSEY
BRONX
QUEENS
Upper West Side
Central Park
Hell's Kitchen
Midtown
Roosevelt Island
Queensboro Bridge
East River
Randalls Island
Wards Island
OsCorp, Eastern L.I.

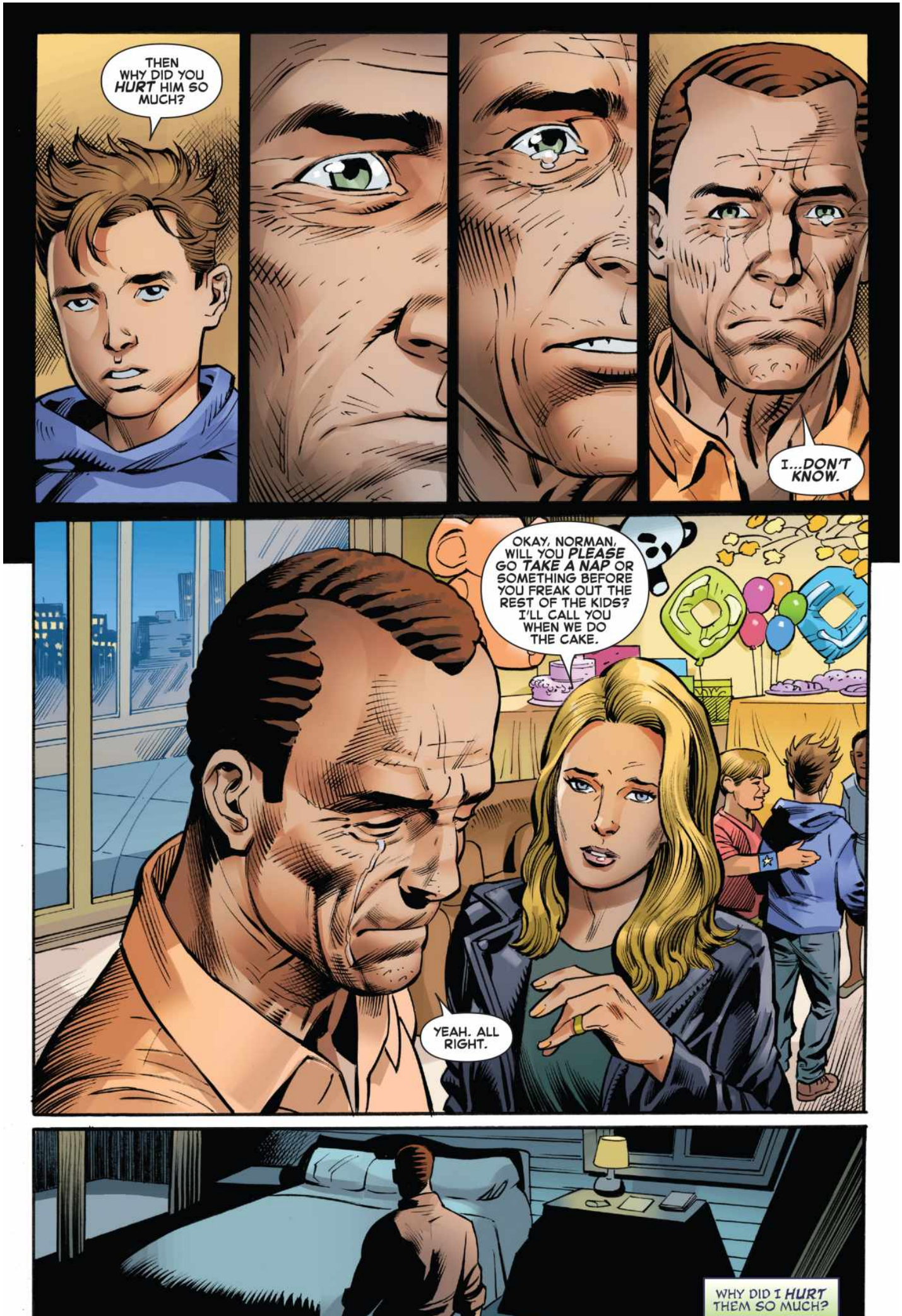
THEY MUST BE DESTROYED.

KNOK KNOK KNOK


EVEN IF I DO SLEEP AT TIMES, IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT ANYMORE...
KNOKNOKNOKNOK
NORMAN.
LIZ...? WHAT'S GOING ON? IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
CAN I JUST SAY THAT IT FEELS RIDICULOUS TO HAVE A BIRTHDAY PARTY WHEN THINGS ARE LIKE THEY ARE OUTSIDE?
IF WE STOPPED OUR LIVES EVERY TIME NEW YORK CITY WAS UNDER SIEGE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE LIVES AT ALL.
THE BOYS WERE TERRIFIED. EVEN IN THE COMPANY HELICOPTER.
IT'S SAFE HERE. I'VE GOT ARMED GUARDS POSTED THROUGHOUT--
IT'S SAFE AT ALCHEMAX. WE FOUGHT TOOTH AND NAIL TO HOLE UP THERE, REMEMBER?*
NORMIE'S NOT GOING TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY IN A PANIC ROOM, LIZ.
*SO MUCH, LAST ISH! --AL
ALCHEMAX IS A CORPORATE FORTRESS, BUT MY BUILDING HAS FAMILIES. CHILDREN. I PAID SOME PARENTS DOWN THE HALL A FEW GRAND EACH TO LET THEIR KIDS COME TO THE PARTY TODAY.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORMIE
NORMIE DESERVES A REAL ONE. LIMBO BE DAMNED.
I PROMISED BARB AND THE OSCORP EVENT PLANNERS SOME SERIOUS BONUSES TO GET THIS UP AND RUNNING TODAY. CAKES, FAVORS, PRESENTS, GAMES, SPECIAL PARTY GUESTS...
HOWDY, KIDS!
HAPPY BDAY NORMIE

YOU?! THIS ISN'T FOR YOU! YOU SHOULD BE OUT THERE, CLEANING UP THE MESS YOUR STUPID CLONE MADE!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I'M REINING YOU THE #@%& IN. I'M TALKING PERSONAL OVERSIGHT OF EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE ON MY DIME. NO MORE LOOSEY-GOOSEY R&D AND NO MORE BLANK CHECKS FOR THE WUNDERKIND--I'M GONNA BE ON YOUR ASS EXPECTING RESULTS--
MISTER OSBORN...
NORMAN, GEEZ, THIS GUY IS JUST A PARTY PERFORMER FOR THE KIDS...
WHAT...?
WHO THE &%$# ORDERED A SPIDER-MAN?!
MAN, I BUSTED MY ASS TO GET OVER HERE ON A SUBWAY CAR WITH TEETH, AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA SCREAM AT ME? FORGET IT--EVEN TRIPLE OVERTIME ISN'T WORTH THIS...
I'M SO SORRY! I THINK SOMEONE ON THE TEAM JUST ASKED FOR A GENERIC SUPER HERO AND DIDN'T SPECIFY...
NORMAN, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT IN DAYS.
I'M FINE, I'M FINE... I'M SORRY... I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE PARTY...


HOW ABOUT YOU, UNCLE MARK? HEARD YOU BROUGHT SOME NEAT CHEMISTRY STUFF TO SHOW US...
HEY, KIDS, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN LIQUID GALLIUM? PRETTY COOL, RIGHT? BUT LISTEN, NOT ALL FLUID METALS ARE FUN TO TOUCH...
NORMIE, HEY, I...I JUST WANTED TO SAY... WOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GROWING UP SO FAST. ONE DAY SOON, YOU'LL BE A FULL-GROWN MAN, HUH? A GOOD ONE TOO.
YEAH, I MEAN...I HOPE SO...
I KNOW SO. I'VE SEEN THE WAY STANLEY LOOKS UP TO YOU.
YOUR... YOUR FATHER WOULD BE PROUD.
WAS... DAD A GOOD MAN?
TELL HIM. TELL HIM HOW WEAK I WAS. TELL HIM I WAS A SCREWUP AND A DRUG ADDICT.
TELL HIM HOW SOMETIMES YOU'RE RELIEVED I'M DEAD, JUST SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO PICK ME UP ANYMORE ONLY TO WATCH ME FALL ON MY FACE.
HE WAS THE BEST. AND HE LOVED YOU SO MUCH.
...NO MATTER WHAT?
NO MATTER WHAT.


THEN WHY DID YOU *HURT* HIM SO MUCH?
I...DON'T *KNOW*.
OKAY, NORMAN, WILL YOU *PLEASE* GO *TAKE A NAP* OR SOMETHING BEFORE YOU FREAK OUT THE REST OF THE KIDS? I'LL CALL YOU WHEN WE DO THE CAKE.
YEAH. ALL RIGHT.
WHY DID I *HURT* THEM SO MUCH?

WHY?
WAAAK-KO
WWWWWWW

NORMAN OSBORN!
YOU THINK I'M NOTHING?! YOU THINK I'M A JOKE?!
JACK O'LANTERN!
THAT'S RIGHT, STANLEY, AND IT SOUNDS LIKE HE KNOWS YOUR POP-POP REAL WELL...
IT'D BE HELPFUL IF I WAS MOLTEN RIGHT ABOUT NOW...
DON'T EVEN TRY TO BLAME ME FOR GIVING YOU A NORMAL LIFE AGAIN...*
*MOLTEN MAN WAS DEPOWERED BY LIZ BACK IN ASM VOL. 3 #16.
LET'S SEE HOW FUNNY YOU THINK THIS IS!
BAAAOOOOOMMM
REALLY HELPFUL!

OF COURSE, MAYBE I'VE JUST BEEN LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE FOR A WHILE NOW...
BAKKAASCHH
YOU COME HERE?! YOU THREATEN MY FAMILY?!
THE OSBORN NAME IS ONE BIG SICK MARK OF EVIL!
OH, SO YOU FIGHT EVIL NOW, IS THAT IT? HAVE YOU PEEKED OUTSIDE, HERO? AT THE ONGOING DEMONIC RAMPAGE IN THE STREETS?
SZZ-ZAK
ZZZNK
ZZNKK
CHN-CHN-ZNK
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO TAKE

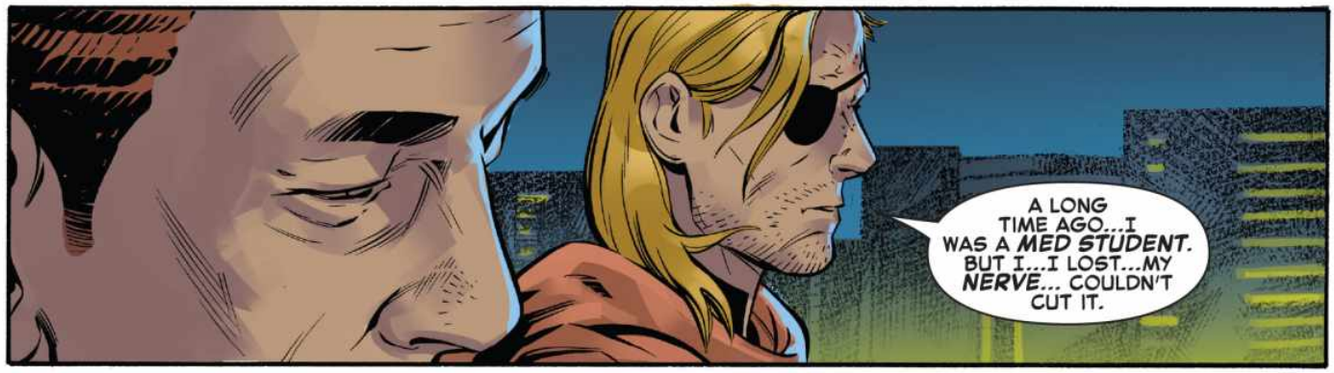
HYNNNNNHH...
WHHHMMMFFF
BAA-TAAAASTTCHHH
PA-KUMPFFSTCHHH
YOU'RE JUST A TWO-BIT MURDERER!
GYNNNNNH...

I...
...AM NOT...
...A MURDERER!
WWHSSS
YOU'RE THE MURDERER, NORMAN!
FSSF
THEN WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN BACK THERE, JACK? WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?
FWF FWF FWF

WAIT--!
WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO TO MY GRANDSONS?
I...
ANSWER ME!
I...
ANSWER ME, YOU WEAKLING!
I...
WHY DID I HURT HIM SO MUCH?
WHY?

COME ON.
ENOUGH OF THIS.
ENOUGH.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, KID? TELL ME IT ISN'T REALLY JACK.
NO.
IT'S OWEN. OWEN WARD.
WELL...YOU WERE RIGHT, OWEN.
I AM A MURDERER.

HOW ABOUT *YOU?*
I'VE NEVER... *WOULD* NEVER... *KILL* ANYONE...


A LONG TIME AGO...I WAS A *MED STUDENT.* BUT I...I LOST...MY *NERVE*... COULDN'T CUT IT.

I *SHOULD'VE* GOTTEN HELP. BUT I FELT...*BROKEN.* ASHAMED.

THEN PRETTY SOON...I HAD *BIGGER* PROBLEMS. I NEEDED *MONEY.* I KNEW ABOUT THE *SKELETON TRADE* FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL. THE GOING PRICE FOR *GOOD BONES.*

THIS...*ALL* THIS...I GUESS IN SOME WAY...I *LOOKED UP* TO YOU.

AS A BUSINESSMAN, AS A... YOU *TOOK* WHAT YOU *WANTED.* YOU

...INVINCIBLE.
YEAH, WELL...
I'M NOT. NOBODY IS. AND I'VE TAKEN A LOT THAT WASN'T MINE.
LISTEN, OWEN. LET ME... LET ME HELP YOU.
LET ME HELP YOU GET THE REAL HELP YOU NEED.
MAYBE I CAN'T DESTROY MY SINS.
I'M SORRY I RUINED YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY.
S'OKAY.
BUT PERHAPS...
...I CAN STILL ATONE FOR THEM.

DARK WEB SPINS ON...

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